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URBAN DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM.

Chairman of the Council

Councillor W. W. Stokes, J.P.,

Public Health Committee

Councillor W. R. Foot  
(Chairman)

Councillors W. W. Stokes, C. M. Ashford, F. P. Lee,  
W. J. B. Hazlewood, G. H. Blackmore, A. E. Buley.

Housing Committee.

Councillor S. G. Mutter  
(Chairman)

Councillors W. W. Stokes, Mrs. A. M. Park, C. M. Ashford,  
J. R. Owen, J. Heron, G. H. Blackmore.

Clerk and Solicitor of the Council:

T. Owen Davies

Public Health Staff:

Medical Officer of Health and Medical Officer for Maternity  
and Child Welfare Centre, and Port Medical Officer.

"+ Andrew Dick, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer.

@ J. I. Snodgrass, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector and Inspector of Meat and Foods, Port  
Health Inspector, Housing Officer and Inspector under the  
Petroleum and Explosive Acts.

"+ Francis Lawrence Godfrey, M.R.S.I., F.S.I.A.

Clerk and Typist for Medical Officer and Sanitary Unnspector

@ Mrs. D. Worrall.

@ Part-time

" Whole-time

+ Salary contribution by Exchequer Grants.

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM FOR 1950.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1950.

The Birth Rate at 13.83 per thousand population is very little less than last year (14.16)

This year the Registrar-General has resumed the practice of giving a Comparability Factor for the Birth Rate, so that the rate for Brixham can be better comparable with the Rate in other areas according to sex and age distribution. The factor is 1.10 which gives a corrected Birth Rate of 15.21. The Standardised Death Rate is 10.56 per thousand population.

The year was generally healthy and there were few cases of infectious disease. Brixham was fortunate in having only three cases of Acute Poliomyelitis, despite this disease having reached epidemic proportions in the Country as a whole.

Diphtheria Immunisation was completed in 119 infants under 4 years of age, and reinforcing protective doses given to 198 older children.

No action was required under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act of 1948.

I have the honour to be  
Your obedient Servant,

A. DICK,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District	...	...	...	...	5,626 acres
Population, 1931 Census	...	...	...	...	8,145
Population, estimated, June 1950)	...	...	...	...	8,752
Number of Inhabited Houses 1950	...	...	...	...	2,790
Rateable Value of District at April 1st 1950:					
Inside Harbour Rating Area	...	...	...	...	49,985
Outside Harbour Area	...	...	...	...	3,624
					<hr/> 53,609

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VITAL STATISTICS 1950

					Male	Female	Total
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	...	...	...	...	60	61	121
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	59	57	116
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated							
resident population	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.83
Comparability Factor	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.10
Standardised Birth Rate	..	...	...	...	...	...	15.21
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>							
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
<u>DEATHS</u>	...	...	...	...	68	54	122
Comparability Factor	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.77
True Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident							
population	..	...	...	...	...	...	13.71
Death Rate standardised according to age and							
sex of Resident Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.56
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:							
Legitimate	..	...	...	...	3	0	3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
					<hr/> 3	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 3
Deaths rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	24.63
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks							
Legitimate	..	...	...	...	3	0	3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	0	00	0
					<hr/> 3	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 3



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Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-

Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Death rate per 1,000 live and still births	..	...					00.0

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RAINFALL - 1950

January	...	1.210	July	...	6.110
February	...	7.850	August	...	5.465
March	...	2.915	September	...	4.070
April	...	2.710	October	...	2.605
May	...	3.780	November	...	7.610
June	...	0.790	December	...	3.875

Total 48,990 inches

(recorded at Laywell)

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NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Pneumonia	...	...	...	2
Anterio Poliomyelitis	...			3
Measles	...	...	...	6
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	7
Acute Poliomyelitis	...			3
Erysipelas	..	...	...	2
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	7
				<u>30</u>

## CAUSES OF DEATH in 1950 (as supplied by the Registrar General)

DISEASE	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	1	-	1
Tuberculosis, other ... ..	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease ... ..	-	-	-
Diphtheria ... ..	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ... ..	-	-	-
Meningo-coccal infections ... ..	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis ... ..	1	-	1
Measles ... ..	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases ... ..	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. ..	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	-	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	-	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	4	5	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia .. ..	-	1	1
Diabetes ... ..	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system .	9	10	19
Coronary disease, angina ... ..	15	5	20
Hyper-tension with heart disease ... ..	-	-	-
Other heart disease ... ..	11	5	16
Other circulatory disease ... ..	3	7	10
Influenza... ..	-	-	-
Pneumonia .. ..	3	-	3
Bronchitis .	3	1	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	1	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and disrrhoea .	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	5	3	8
Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	2	-	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..	-	-	-
Congenital malformations ... ..	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases , ,	6	11	17
Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	-	-	-
All other accidents ... ..	1	-	1
Suicide ... ..	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war ... ..	-	-	-
Total all causes.	68	54	122



Age per- iods.	TUBERCULOSIS							
	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respira- tory		Respiratory		Non-Respira- tory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0								
1								
5								
15								
25		1						
35	2	1						
45	3							
55	1	1				1		
65 and up- wards								
Totals	6	3				1		

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year ending 31st December, 1950

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present my twenty-fifth Annual Report,  
as required by the Minister of Health.

Yours faithfully,

F. L? GODFREY

Sanitary Inspector and  
Inspector of Meat and Foods.

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HOUSING 1950

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total (including number given separate under (b))

I By Local Authority:

Two-bedroomed houses .....	6
Three-bedroomed houses .....	6
Four-bedroomed houses .....	2

II By Other Authorities .....

III By other bodies or persons ..... 15

(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts:

I By the Local Authority ..... 14

(a) For the purpose of Part II of the Housing Act 1925 .....	0
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(b) For the purpose of Part III of the Housing Act 1925 .....	0
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(c) For other bodies .....	0
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II By other bodies ..... 0

HOUSING STATISTICS 1950

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:-
  - (1) (a) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 78
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... 115
  - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ..... 56
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... 83
  - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 1
  - (4) Number of dwelling-houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..... 37
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:
 

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ..... 37
3. Action under Statutory powers during the year:
  - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936:
    - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..... 25
    - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
      - (a) By Owners ..... 25
      - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..... 0

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(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	39
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices .....	39
(a) By owners .....	39
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	0
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	0
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936:	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .....	0
4. Housing Act 1936, Part IV (Overcrowding)	
(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year .....	0
(2) Number of families dwelling therein .....	0
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein .....	0
(b) Number of cases of overcrowding reported during year .....	0
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year .....	0
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases .....	0



- (d) Particulars of cases in which the Dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ..... 0
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider desirable to report ..... 0

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SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT  
and work of the Public Health Department 1950

HOUSING

Number of Dwelling-houses completed during year 1950:

Detached houses .....	2
Terrace houses .....	14
Bungalows .....	12
Flats .....	1
Total number of dwelling houses completed during year 1950 .....	29

Public Buildings, Workshops etc. .... 1

Number of houses built during the year for working classes:

For Local Authority .....	14
By Private Effort .....	15

Number of new houses or flats required for working classes ..... 225

Houses Inspected .....	78
Cases of Overcrowding abated .....	1
Defective houses repaired .....	55
Defective floors repaired .....	14
Defective roofs repaired or renewed .....	39
Defective yards paved .....	7
Defective external plastering repaired .....	19
Defective internal plastering repaired .....	22
Defective windows repaired .....	17
Defective stoves repaired .....	9

Number of houses dealt with under Housing (Rural Workers) Act 1926:

During year .....	0
Total to date .....	23



DRAINS AND DRAINAGE.

Sewers extensions during year .....	0
Drains examined .....	117
Defective drains repaired or renewed .....	28
Certificates issued in respect of drainage of new buildings .....	25
Certificates issued in respect of drainage of existing buildings .....	40
Existing W.C.'s fitted with flushing cisterns, or cisterns renewed .....	7
Defective traps renewed or replaced with approved stoneware gully traps .....	6
Defective W.C.s repaired .....	19
Automatic cisterns fixed .....	2

The following sanitary fittings have been installed during the year:

New baths .....	39
W.C.s .....	51
Lavatory basins .....	37
Urinals .....	4
Scullery sinks .....	42
Septic tanks .....	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION

Rooms fumigated .....	36
Articles of clothing and bedding disinfected .....	47
Articles of clothing and bedding destroyed .....	29
Rooms disinfected for notifiable infectious diseases ...	16
Rooms infected for tuberculosis .....	7
Rooms disinfected for verminous condition .....	29
Cases removed to Isolation Hospital .....	10

MEAT AND FOODS INSPECTION

(Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924)

Number of butchers shops in the district .....	8
Other Food shops and stores .....	86
Number of visits to butchers shops .....	103
Number of visits to other food shops and stores .....	229

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND FOODS.

Slaughtering in District (except for Casuals) ceased in January 1940 (M.O.F. Order). All meat is received from Paignton Depot.

WEIGHT OF UNFIT FOOD DESTROYED.

	Tuberculosis lbs	Other Diseases and conditions lbs	Total lbs
Beef	-	67	67
Mutton	-	14	14
Pork	-	-	-
Offals	-	68	68
TOTAL	-	149	149

The following Foods have been surrendered as unsound:-

33 tins Evaporated milk; 13 tins full cream milk; 2 tins Baked Beans; 29 tins peas; 3 tins Carrots; 1 tin Orange Juice; 2 tins Baby Food; 2 tins Fruit Purree; 1 tin Tomato Juice; 55 tins Luncheon Meat (113 lbs); 5 tins Veal (4 lbs); 16 tins Minced Beef (12 lbs); 17 tins Stewed Steak (14 lbs); 1 tin Soup; 7 tins Danish Brawn (28 lbs); 1 tin Sardines; 4 tins Crayfish; 18 tins Salmon; 9 tins Pilchards; 18 tins Cod Roes; 20 lbs Cheese; 21 lbs Macaroni; 5 tins Jam; 4 tins Apples; 3 tins Pears; 3 tins Pineapple; 4 tins Peaches; 2 tins Syrup; 2 tins Treacle Pudding; 120 lbs Tomatoes (Algerian); 3 tins Dutch Pork; 1 tin Ham (French) 4 tinned Chicken; 9 stone Cod Roes; 3 stone Mackerel; 8 stone Kippers; 12 stone Plaice

FOOD POISONING 1950

1. Local Authority - Brixham Urban District Year 1950
2. Food Poisoning notifications (Corrected) Returns to R.G.  
1st Quarter - nil; 2nd Quarter - nil; 3rd Quarter - nil; 4th Quarter - nil.
3. Outbreaks due to identified agents Total Outbreaks - nil  
Total Cases - nil;  
Outbreaks due to (a) Chemical Poisons - nil;  
(b) Salmonella Organisms - nil; (c) Staphylococci including toxin - nil; (d) C 1 botulinum nil;  
(e) other bacteria - nil.
4. Outbreaks of undiscovered cause - Total Outbreaks - nil;  
Total cases - nil;
5. Single Cases - Agent identified - nil; Unknown causes Nil; Total - nil.

APPENDIX (d) (2)  
not applicable.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Number of cow-keepers and dairymen registered at end of year:

Producer and Wholesalers .....	12
Producer Retailers .....	12
Retailers .....	12
Number removed from Register .....	1

Number of cowsheds in District .....	30
Number of cowsheds without impervious floors .....	3
Number of cowsheds with unsatisfactory drainage .....	1
Number of cowsheds with unsatisfactory ventilation ..	1
Number of cowsheds with unsatisfactory lighting .....	1
Number of cowsheds with unsatisfactory water supply ..	0

Number of visits to dairies, cowsheds, farms etc. ... 27

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Number of slaughterhouses in district:

Registered ) not in .....	3
Licensed ) use .....	0

Number of visits to slaughterhouses ..... 0 |

Number of visits to premises where emergency or  
occasional slaughtering is carried out ..... 3 |

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of noxious or offensive trades in district ... 0

NUISANCES.

Complaints of nuisances received .....	42
Informal notices served .....	12
Statutory notices served .....	1
Nuisances abated without written notice .....	29

SCHOOLS.

Number of Schools in District:

Public .....	5
Private .....	3
Number of schools found defective .....	1
Number of Notices to Managers .....	1
Number of Visits to schools .....	9

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of bakehouses in district .....	7
Number of inspections .....	
Number found defective .....	2
Number of notices to remedy .....	2

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.

Number of factories and workshops registered in district 47.

Premises (1)	Inspections (2)		Number of Written notices (3)	Occupiers prose- cuted (4)
FACTORIES with Mechanical power .....	17	29	2	
Factories without <del>mechanical</del> ical power .....	28	43	2	
+ OTHER PREMISES under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers premises) .....	2	5		
+ Electrical stations should be reckoned as factories	47	77	4	



## 2. Defects found.

Particulars  (1)	Number of Defects			Number of offen- ces in respect to which prosecu- tions were instituted (5)
	Found  (2)	Reme- died  (3)	Refer- red to H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	
Want of cleanliness (S1) .	3	3		
Overcrowding (S2) .....				
Unreasonable temperature (S3) .....				
Inadequate ventilation (S4)				
Ineffective ventilation of floors (S6) .....	2	2		
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)				
Insufficient .....				
Unsuitable or defective	1	1		
Not separate for sexes .				
Other offences .....				
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Section mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops) (Transfer of Powers) Order 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act 1937				
	6	6		



ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

- (1) (a) Number of Council houses found to be infested . 1  
 (b) Number of Council houses disinfected ..... 1
- (b) Number of other houses found to be infested ... 2  
 Number of other houses disinfected ..... 2
- (2) Spraying with approved insectide after removing wallpaper, skirting etc.
- (3) No action is taken before the removal of the tenants belongings, except inspection by the Sanitary Inspector
- (4) Work of disinfection is carried out by the Public Health Department.
- (5) Tenants are advised by the Sanitary Inspector as to measures to prevent re-infestation after cleaning.

PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS.Particulars of Registration

Number of Licences granted to store Petroleum Spirit ...	23
Number of Licences granted to store Carbide of Calcium .	1
Number of Licences granted to store Mixed Explosives....	9
Number of Licences granted to store Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives in Magazines .....	2

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT 1919.Infestation Order 1944.

The agreement with the Dartmouth Corporation for thier operator to carry out Rodent Control in Brixham on alternate weeks is proving satisfactory, and further progress has been made in the contröl by block treatment of properties. The sewer treatment has been carried out. Test baiting and maintenance has been continued. The public are making good use of the service to private dwellings and owners of business premises are co-operating in treatment measures.

1. Amount of Shipping entering the port during the year (Table A)

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PORT HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM.

DETAILS OF SHIPPING.

Entering the Port Health District of Brixham and  
Record of Inspection for the year 1950, ending  
31st December.

	Number	Nett Tonnage	Numbers inspected		Numbers reported to be defective	Numbers of orders issued
			By Port M.O.H.	By Port San. In		
FOREIGN  (Steamers (Motors (Sailing (Fishing	36	205,280	2	5		
	106	76,706	4	22	5	
	37	569	1	9	1	
	162	3,726	Frequent	inspections made		
TOTAL FOREIGN	341	286,281	7	36	6	
COAST- wise  (Steamers (Motors (Sailing (Fishing	6	3,574	2	2	2	
	111	19,104	2	3		
	45	389	1	1		
	4	-	-	-		
TOTAL COASTWISE	166	22,967	2	22	2	
TOTAL FOREIGN AND COASTWISE	507	309,248	9	58	8	
BRIXHAM  (Sailing (Motor	50	Frequent	inspections made.			

11 CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT  
(Table B)

(a) Passenger Traffic

No passengers have landed or embarked during the year.

(b) Cargo Traffic.

Principal Imports - Oil

Principal Exports - Oil

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrive.

Various foreign ports with and for oil bunkers.

111. WATER SUPPLY

(1) Source of Supply

Water is supplied direct from the town reservoirs both to the port and shipping.

(2) Hydrants and hose-pipes are kept in lockers when not in use.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS 1933 - 1945

(1) Declarations of Health are handed to the masters of ships on arrival of the staff of H.M. Customs.

(2) The boats of the local coaling company are available for boarding vessels on arrival.

(3) Notification of any vessel requiring special attention is received by H.M. Customs or the local shipping company and is telephoned to the Public Health Office.

(4) A Mooring station for infested vessels is provided at the entrance to the Outer Harbour.

(5) The Port Medical Officer is prepared to grant the usual standing exemptions for -

(a) All other unhealthy vessels other than those included in Articles 12 and 14(1).

(b) Vessels otherwise healthy which have arrived from listed ports in infested areas.

(6) In cases in which persons have to be notified as proceeding to this area from a vessel on which infectious disease has occurred, it is the practice for the Medical Officer to examine the person on arrival, and at intervals, as required by the regulations.

(7) (a) A waiting room is provided on the Pier, where persons could be examined.

(b) The necessary materials for fumigation of cabins bunks, etc., is provided by the Public Health Department.

Disinfection of clothes or bedding would be carried out at Paignton Hospital by arrangement.

(c) Temporary accommodation for the purpose of the regulations would be provided at one of the hospitals in the District.

(d) Hospital accommodation for Plague, Cholera, etc., is provided by the Devon County Council at Exeter.

(e) Ambulance transport for infectious cases (d) is provided by the Devon County Council.

(f) The local Port Medical Officer would be responsible for the supervision of contacts.

(8) Pathological and bacteriological examinations would be carried out by the County Medical Department.

(9) ditto

(10) Treatment of venereal disease is available at Torquay Hospital Clinic.

(11) Arrangements for the internment of the dead is made by the local agents for the shipping company concerned in conjunction with the Port Health Officer.

(12) Nil.

Table C - No cases of infectious sickness have been landed during the year.

Table D - No reports made.



V. MEASURE AGAINST RODENTS

- (1) (a) Ships in the Port are inspected for the presence of Rats.  
(b) The quays, wharves, and stores are also inspected at regular intervals.
- (2) Rat guards are fitted to ships.
- (3) (a) Arrangements would be made with Plymouth, if required.  
(b) Baits are laid in stores etc.,
- (4) Reports received from masters, occupiers etc.,
- (5) Stores built of stone and sheet iron.

Table E - No information available.

Table F -- Approximately 72 brown rats and 3 black rats.

Table G - Nil

Table H -- Not an approved Port.

Table J - No defects notified.

VII FOOD INSPECTED

- (1) No food imports
- (2) No shell-fish bed or laying in the Port Health District
- (3) No samples taken.

I wish to express my very best thanks to the Officers of H.M.Customs, and the Harbour Master, for their co-operation and assistance.

F.L. GODFREY, F.S.I.A.

Port Health Inspector.

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